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Election of 19 members of the Governing Council of the United Nations Human S.ttlements Programme

Note by the Secretary-Gener

1. Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 56/206, the Economic and Social Council is to elect, at its resumed organizational session for 2008, 19 members of the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2009 to fill the vacancies that will occur on 31 December 2008 upon the expiration of the terms of the following members: Antigua and Barbuda, Bangladesh, Belgium, Canada, China, Czech Republic, France, Ghana, Haiti, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Norway, Rwanda, Slovakia, Sweden, Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda, United Arab Emirates and United Republic of Tanzania as well as a member from the Asian States group, whose seat remains vacant.

2. In accordance with paragraph 4 of section I.A of General Assembly resolution 56/206, the 19 members are to be elected on the following basis:

- Five seats for African States
- Four seats for Asian States
- Two seats for Eastern European States
- Three seats for Latin American and Caribbean States
- Five seats for Western European and other States.

3. The membership of the Governing Council in 2008 is listed in the annex to the present note.

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Annex

Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme

(58 members; four-year term)

Membership in 2008

Sixteen seats for African States

Burkina Faso (2011), Burundi (2010), Congo (2011), Equatorial Guinea (2010), Ghana* (2008), Kenya (2011), Libyan Arab Jamahiriya* (2008), Mauritania (2010), Niger (2010), Rwanda* (2008), Senegal (2010), Swaziland (2011), Uganda* (2008), United Republic of Tanzania* (2008), Zambia (2011), Zimbabwe (2010)

Thirteen seats for Asian States[a]

Bahrain (2011), Bangladesh* (2008), China* (2008), India (2011), Indonesia (2010), Iran (Islamic Republic of) (2010), Japan (2010), Pakistan (2010), Saudi Arabia (2011), Sri Lanka (2011), United Arab Emirates* (2008)

Six seats for Eastern European States

Czech Republic* (2008), Poland (2010), Romania (2011), Russian Federation (2010), Serbia (2011), Slovakia* (2008)

Ten seats for Latin American and Caribbean States

Antigua and Barbuda* (2008), Argentina (2010), Brazil (2011), Chile (2010), Grenada (2010), Haiti* (2008), Honduras (2011), Jamaica (2011), Trinidad and Tobago* (2008), Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) (2010)

Thirteen seats for Western European and other States[b]

Belgium* (2008), Canada* (2008), Finland (2010), France* (2008), Germany (2011), Israel (2011), Italy (2010), Netherlands (2010), Norway* (2008), Sweden* (2008), United States of America (2010)

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* Retiring member.

[a] There are two vacancies in this group: one for a member whose term would begin on the date of election and expire on 31 December 2008 and one for a member whose term would begin on the date of election and expire on 31 December 2011.

[b] There are two vacancies in this group for members whose term would begin on the date of election and expire on 31 December 2011.